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SUBJECT: TOLBERT PARTY REACTION TO WASHINGTON ARRIVAL
AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, SEPTEMBER 21

1. FOLLOWING IMPRESSIVE ARRIVAL CEREMONIES ON SOUTH
LAWN AND RECEPTION IN WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENT FORD MET IN
OVAL OFFICE WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, FOREIGN MINISTER
DENNIS, MINISTER OF FINANCE PHILLIPS AND GOL AMBASSADOR
TO US DENNIS. US SIDE INCLUDED ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON,
NSC DIRECTOR BRENT SCOWCROFT AND AMBASSADOR CARTER. TOLBERT
PERSONALLY GAVE PRESIDENT FORD COPY OF "INDICATIVE PROGRAM
OF TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GOL AND USG -
'76-'78". DOCUMENT PREPARED BY PLANNING MINISTER NEAL'S
OFFICE AND DESCRIBES PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH GOL
SEEKS ASSISTANCE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR
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CARTER AT BLAIR HOUSE FOLLOWING MEETING EXPRESSED EXTREME

PLEASURE AT WAY OVAL OFFICE EXCHANGES HAD GONE AND
PRESIDENT TOLBERT, JOINED BY MINISTERS PHILLIPS AND NEAL
AND AMBASSADOR DENNIS, DESCRIBED THEIR OWN VERY
FAVORABLE REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENTS ON GOL/USG

BILATERAL MATTERS AND BRIEFING PRESIDENT FORD PROVIDED
ON STATUS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ACTIVITIES IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. IT APPEARS TRIP HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START.

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